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## Viewing cable 07NEWDELHI1915, RAHUL GANDHI JUMPS INTO THE U.P. ELECTORAL FRAY

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
07NEWDELHI1915	2007-04-23 11:56	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/the-india-cables/article1574319.ece>

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REF: A. NEW DELHI 1699  
[1B](#). NEW DELHI 1675 C. NEW DELHI 1508  
Classified By: Political Counselor Ted Osius for reasons 1.4 (B,D)

[11](#). (C) Summary: Rahul Gandhi, the heir apparent of the Gandhi family dynasty, has made a number of gaffes, suggesting an uneven start to his  
Rahul Puts His Foot in His Mouth  
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[12](#). (U) As part of its Uttar Pradesh (UP) electoral campaign, Congress has been sending heir apparent Rahul Gandhi into the countryside to cor  
--On April 15, Rahul in a speech at a UP campaign rally stated that ""I belong to the family which has never moved backwards, which has never g  
--Earlier, while on the campaign trail, Rahul had maintained that the Babri Mosque ""would have been protected had a member of the Gandhi famil  
--At another rally, Rahul exclaimed that his party's slide into the political wilderness in UP started with its 1996 alliance with former Chief

Reactions Mostly Negative  
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[13](#). (U) The Rahul gaffes were greeted with bewilderment and, in some cases, disdain. In an Islamabad press conference a GOP spokesman sniffed  
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[14](#). (U) The opposition BJP was equally unimpressed. Party spokesman Prakash Javadekar exclaimed that ""if he claims this for his family, ther  
Even Within Congress  
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[15](#). (U) Press reports quoted Congress workers in UP as expressing ""bewilderment,"" as they were unable to determine the political purpose of  
[16](#). (C) Former MP (Janata Party) D.N. Patodia told Polcouns April 23 that Congress Party members have no choice but to defend Rahul, even wher  
The Prime Minister Attempts Damage Control  
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[17](#). (U) On the UP campaign trail, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared Rahul as ""the leader of the future,"" stating ""your future is in yc  
Political Pundit Equally Bemused  
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[18](#). (C) In an April 19 meeting with Poloff, veteran journalist and Hindustan Times Political Editor Pankaj Vohra noted that he was equally cor  
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claimed that Rahul has ""done the best he could under the circumstances,"" and was the victim of an ""out of touch"" coterie of Congress inside  
National Implications  
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[19](#). (C) Exclaiming that Congress ""has its back to the wall,"" Vohra noted that the latest rumor is that if Congress does badly in UP, several

Congress Political Cadre is Demoralized

10. (C) On April 19 Congress leader and Gandhi family insider Nachileta Kapoor informed Poloff that the party in UP was demoralized and did r  
The Dynasty Dying Nasty

11. (C) Kapoor was adamant that Rahul's elliptical statements were spontaneous and off the cuff. Rahul's speechwriter has reportedly confirm  
Comment: Son Set

12. (C) Rahul's dismal performance on the campaign trail has narrowed the party's already limited options in UP. While some in Congress are  
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government. As the largest party in UP, the governor would then give the BSP the first shot. In such an event, she would need Congress to mak

13. (C) In any event, regardless of the outcome of the UP elections, Rahul has made an uneven entry into active politics. While crowds at hi

14. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/>)

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